

REMARKS

I. Introduction.

Claims 1-29 and 31-37 are pending, and stand rejected. Various groups of claims or individual claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a).

II. The 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) Rejections.

Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 12, 15-29, and 31-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,125,860, de Sebastian in view of either PCT Publication WO 99/20724, published in the name of Gordon, et al. or PCT Publication WO 99/60086, published in the name of Cardola, et al.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references cited in the rejection of Claim 1, and further in view of either Johnston, et al. or Evans.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references cited in the rejection of Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent 3,658,590, Huebner, et al.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references cited in the rejection of Claim 1, and further in view of either U.S. Patent 5,721,306, Tsipursky, et al. or "Egan, et al. " (U.S. Patent 3,507,798, Smiens, et al.)

Claims 13, 14, and 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references cited in the rejection of Claim 1, and further in view of PCT Publication WO 79/48927, Hawes, U.S. Patent 3,355,018 issued to Smith, or U.S. Patent 5,647,977, Arnaud.

The Office Action states with respect to Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 12, 15-29, and 31-37, that de Sebastian differs from Claims 1, 33, and 34 only in the recitation of the composition having a pH less than nine or neutral and a polymer to render the surface hydrophilic. The Office Action states that the patents to Gordon and Cardola each disclose an aqueous cleaning composition for cleaning surfaces like

car/automobile exteriors which has a pH less than nine or neutral and a polymer. The Office Action concludes that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to substitute the cleaning solution/composition of either Gordon or Cardola for the cleaning solution/composition in de Sebastian.

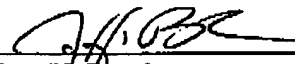
The Applicants respectfully request that the Section 103(a) rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. The de Sebastian reference is directed to a plant for washing machinery which includes a small "engine room" of approximately 9 m³ in size that houses, among other things, a plant for osmotizing water. Reference number (2) of the de Sebastian reference is an osmotized water tank that is in a separate location from the hand-held sprayer (191). The hand-held sprayer (191) of the de Sebastian reference does not comprise a water purifier that is a component of the hand-held sprayer (191) when the sprayer is in use. The Gordon, et al. and Cardola, et al. references also do not teach or disclose such a structure.

Therefore, the rejections of Claims 1, 33, and 34, and their dependent claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. Summary.

The 35 U.S.C. Section 103 rejections have been addressed. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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